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1. U.S. ATTACHED: CONTINUING THE KIND OF JOURNALISM COMMON DURING THE GONCALVES ERA, AUGUST 11 "DIARIO DE LISBOA" PUBLISHED TWO ARTICLES "DOCUMENTING" UNITED STATES SUBVERSION OF PORTUGAL. FIRST ARTICLE ATTEMPTED TO LINK U.S. WITH WAVE OF BOMBINGS THAT HAVE PLAGUED PORTUGAL FOR MONTHS. IT DISCUSSED CASE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS APPREHENDED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO SMUGGLE BOMBS INTO MADEIRA A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 25. EVIDENCE SUBSTANTIATING HIS "DIRECT OR INDIRECT" TIES TO THE CIA, STATED THE PAPER, AS WELL AS OTHER TIES TO FLA AND FLAMA, CAME TO LIGHT DURING HIS TRIAL. SECOND ARTICLE, A FULL PAGE LONG, FOCUSED ON U.S. ROLE IN AZORES. HEADLINE: "IMPERIALISM'S SPEARHEAD." AMONG ITS ACCUSATIONS WERE:

-- FOLLOWING APRIL 25 THE U.S. "TRIED EVERYTHING TO DESTROY THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT." THIS INCLUDED MISINFORMATION, "ECONOMIC PRESSURES, A SYSTEMATIC BOYCOTT, ATTEMPTS TO FOMENT DIVISIONS WITHIN REVOLUTIONARY FORCES," AND EVEN BALD THREATS.

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-- THE U.S. SUPPORTS "REACTIONARY AND SEPARATIST MOVEMENTS" IN AZORES.

-- IN 1976 LAJES AIRBASE HAS BEEN USED AS A TRANSSHIPMENT POINT FOR SUPPLIES TO SOUTH AFRICA.

-- AID SUPPORT TO REGIONAL PLANNING INSTITUTIONS AND THE UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF THE AZORES "REINFORCES IMPERIALIST IDEOLOGY" IN PORTUGAL.

2. KISSINGER TRIP: AUGUST 12 MORNING PRESS NOTED FRENCH PRIME MINISTER CHIRAC'S REJECTION OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PROPOSAL FOR TRIPARTITE DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING PROPOSED SALE TO PAKISTAN OF FRENCH NUCLEAR PROCESSING PLANT. THE PRESS, FOLLOWING REUTERS SOURCE, DESCRIBED CHIRAC'S RESPONSE AS "UTILIZING THE MOST INCISIVE LANGUAGE HEARD UNTIL NOW IN THE DISPUTE."

3. COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE: AUGUST 11 AFTERNOON AND AUGUST 12 MORNING PRESS CARRIED BRIEF, BASICALLY STRAIGHTFORWARD ARTICLES ON THE COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. PRIMARY FOCUS OF THE STORIES: THE THREATS TO THE UNITY OF THE NON-ALIGNED. "DIARIO POPULAR" NOTED THE DISCORD AMONG ARAB NATIONS AND THE POOR STATE OF ARAB-AFRICAN RELATIONS, WHICH "HAVE RARELY BEEN AS LOW AS NOW." "A CAPITAL," SURVEYING THE CONFERENCE SPECTACLE OF "85 COUNTRIES SO DIFFERENT SUCH AS PERU, REUNITED VIETNAM, AMIN'S UGANDA, AND TITO'S YUGOSLAVIA," LIKENED THE TASK OF UNTING BEHIND A DEFINED DOCTRINE AND PLAN OF ACTION TO "THE SQUARING OF THE CIRCLE." NO SERIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN TAKEN OF NORTH KOREA'S SOPORIFIC CRIES OF THE "AMERICAN THREAT TO PEACE."

4. UNITED STATES POLITICS: UNDER THE HEADLINE "BLACKS MORE INFLUENTIAL IN AMERICA" AUGUST 11 "JORNAL NOVO" NOTED BLACK PROGRESS IN SECURING MORE POLITICAL POWER, A PROCESS SYMBOLIZED BY THE RISE OF CONGRESSMAN ANDREW YOUNG. ACCORDING TO REPORT, CARTER'S

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ONLY POLITICAL DEBT, IF HE BECOMES PRESIDENT, WILL BE TO YOUNG. THE ARTICLE'S LAST PARAGRAPH: "COME JANUARY -- UNLESS SOMETHING UNFORSEEN OCCURS -- ANDY YOUNG, A SOUTHERN BLACK, WILL BE ABLE TO LIFT THE PHONE WHEN HE WANTS TO AND SPEAK TO THE PRESIDENT, A SOUTHERN WHITE. WHEN THIS HAPPENS A CHANGE AS PROFOUND AS THE MOST PROFOUND THAT HAVE OCCURED IN THE UNITED STATES SINCE WORLD WAR II WILL HAVE TAKEN PLACE."

"JORNAL NOVO" ALSO GAVE CAPSULE RUN DOWN OF CARTER'S
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